



PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 09/542,897 Art Unit: 3676  
Appellant: Jerry H. Chisnell Examiner: Vishal Patel  
Filed: April 4, 2000 Docket No.: FTP141A US  
Title: Composite Sleeve For Sealing A Tubular Coupling

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Request for Extension Within One Month

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Sir:

The undersigned attorney respectfully requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action of December 30, 2003. If granted, a response will be due on April 30, 2004.

This request for extension of time is required inasmuch as the undersigned attorney has just received instructions from his client to file a Supplemental Appeal Brief.

A check in the amount of the requisite fee, \$110.00, is enclosed, as well as a duplicate copy of this request and a self-addressed return envelope to facilitate the prompt reply to this request, and a favorable decision is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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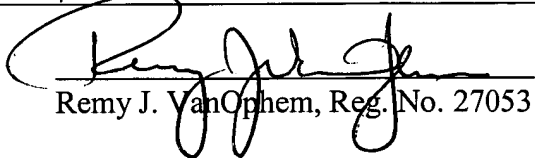
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